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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 1-7, 9-16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wycherley et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 2002/0037738, hereinafter, "Wycherley") in view of McDonald et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,534,849, hereinafter, "McDonald").**

Regarding claims 1 and 10, Wycherley teaches a method and a portable communications device comprising (see figure 2):

a cover comprising memory chip patch disposed on the cover (see figure 1, memory chip patch 20, col.2, [0016]) for identifying the cover (see col.3, [0035]); and

a transceiver module (read on controller/processor), the cover being detachably installed on the transceiver module comprising (see col.2, [0018]):

a magnetic sensor for detect the memory chip patch and generating a corresponding output signal (see figure 1, sensor 22, col.2, [0016-0018, 0035]); and

a control circuit for receiving the output signal from the magnetic sensor and determining an identification of the cover based on the received output signal (see figure 1, sensor 22, col.2, [0016-0018, 0035]).

It should be noticed that Wycherley discloses the invention but does not disclose the magnetic media for emitting a magnetic flux. However, in an analogous art, McDonald teaches such feature (see figures 1A, magnets 15a-15c is generated the magnet flux, col.5, ln.1-17).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of McDonald into view of Wycherley in order to improve in magnetically actuated device for sensing an unauthorized breach of physical barriers as suggested by McDonald at column 1, lines 10-16.

Regarding claims 2 and 11, Wycherley further teaches a database stored in a memory for storing Man-Machine Interface (MMI) attributes corresponding to the identification of the cover (see col.3, [0040], it is obvious that the mobile phone of Wycherley should be included a memory to store the software for detecting the new cover when installing on the mobile phone).

Regarding claims 3 and 12, after combination of Wycherley and McDonald that will teaches the claim invention. Wycherley teaches the mobile phone comprises a front cover and rear cover and the memory chip patch is disposed on an inner side of the front cover (see figures 1&2, col.2, [0016-0018]). McDonald further teaches magnetic (see figure 1A, magnetic 15a-15c).

Regarding claims 4 and 13, Wycherley further teaches the magnetic sensor is disposed on a printed circuit board (PCB) of the transceiver module (see figure 2, sensor 22 is on the PCB of mobile).

Regarding claims 5 and 14, McDonald further teaches the output signal generated by the sensor is an analog output voltage (see col.4, ln.67, col.5, ln.1-10).

Regarding claims 6 and 15, McDonald further teaches the magnetic sensor is a linear Hall effect sensor and the analog output voltage is directly proportional to the measured magnetic flux (see col.4, ln.67, col.5, ln.1-19, col.8, ln.7-9).

Regarding claims 7 and 16, McDonald further teaches magnet (see figure 1A, magnetic 15a-15c).

Regarding claims 9 and 18, Wycherley further teaches mobile phone (see figure 2).

3. Claims 8 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wycherley et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 2002/0037738, hereinafter, "Wycherley") in view of McDonald et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,534,849, hereinafter, "McDonald") as applied to claims 1 and 10 above, and further in view of Ono et al. (Pub. No.: US 2003/0002691, hereinafter, "Ono").

Regarding claims 8 and 17, Wycherley and McDonald, in combination, fails to disclose magnetic powder. However, in an analogous art, Ono teaches such features (see col.7, claim 17).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Ono into view of Wycherley and McDonald in order to improve in magnetically actuated device for sensing an

unauthorized breach of physical barriers as suggested by McDonald at column 1, lines 10-16.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, the applicants are also requested to consider the following references. Although Forster et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,646,555), Holshouser et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,151,486), Nielsen (U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0090280), and White et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2006/0030377) are not applied into this Office Action; they are also called to Applicants attention. They may be used in future Office Action(s).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-8097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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